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Dear Microsoft Settlement:

The Microsoft trial squandered taxpayers' dollars, was a nuisance to consumers, and a serious deterrent to investors in the high-tech industry. It is high time for this trial, and the wasteful spending accompanying it, to be over. Consumers will indeed see competition in the marketplace, rather than the courtroom. And the investors who propel our economy can finally breathe a sigh of relief.

Upwards of 60% of Americans thought the federal government should not have broken up Microsoft. If the case is finally over, companies like Microsoft can get back into the business of innovating and creating better products for consumers, and not wasting valuable resources on litigation.

I am not completely familiar with the final agreement; however, I do believe there was no shortage of high-tech companies. Bill Gates did what America is supposed to be about--he built a good "better" mouse trap. It sold. Microsoft thrived. This is not and never was about a monopoly. It is about sour grapes and whining by companies whose leaders choose not to do what Gates did, coupled with a President whose only interest was himself and his personal interests. Clinton used his position in ways it never should have been used and in ways that should not have been allowed.

What Bill Gates did with Microsoft is supposed to be what America is about. But apparently this is no longer true. Instead of being able to enjoy the fruits of his efforts, he was pounced on by, what appears to be, a very oppressive Federal Government. This entire trial is or should be an affront to all Americans.

It happened because of greed and a total unwillingness of anyone in

Congress or the Justice Department to say, no this is wrong. But no one did and it happened it. Now it is definitely time to say enough, this needs to and must stop now!

Thank you for this opportunity to share my views.

Sincerely,

Susan Whitaker